MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: Under Section 19 of the Legislative Manual, when a Bill is referred to a Select Committee, the members thereof have to be nominated by the Assembly and not by the Legal Remembrancer as a matter of rule.....

PRESIDENT: If honourable members are not sufficiently alert, it is open to any member to say 'I propose that these people should be appointed to the Committee.' It is also quite open to members to object to any or all of the names suggested. But if honourable members do not do so in time, they cannot complain.

MR. M. K. NILAKANTAN: I would suggest that the name of Mr.Yesudian may also be included.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: There is no objection to include that name.

MR. CHAZHIKKATTU JOSEPH: I propose the name of Mr. Nilakantan also.

PRESIDENT: The names of Messrs. Yesudian and Nilakantan will be added to the other names. If hereafter any member wants to add or subtract he may speak out.

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: On a point of order, Sir. May I know whether it is proper to elect a member, who is not present, to a Select Committee?

PRESIDENT: What is the difficulty about it?

SAHIB BAHADUR K. A. MOHAMED: How can we be sure whether it will be convenient for him to attend the committee?

PRESIDENT: If he does not attend, the matter will be considered by the others.

THE TRAVANCORE LIMITATION ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The motion was put and carried.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: This Bill is intended to give protection to persons who have been stranded in enemy territories and to give a concession in their favour so that they may be able to file suits which have become time-barred otherwise.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The question that Clauses 1 and 2 do stand part of the Bill was put and carried.

Clauses 1 and 2 were added to the Bill.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I want to add an explanation here. I move that the following explanation be added: 'The expression enemy or enemy-occupied territory shall mean any area which Our Government may, by notification in Our Government Gazette, declare to be enemy-occupied territory for the purposes of this Section;

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MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The amendment was put to the House and carried.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I move that the Bill be passed.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

The Bill was put to the House and carried.

THE TRAVANCORE FACTORIES ACT (AMENDMENT) BILL.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I beg to introduce the Travancore Factories Act (Amendment) Bill and move that the Bill be read in the Assembly.

MR. S. NARAYANA AIYAR: I second it.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: The most important provision is to enable Government to declare factories consisting of 10 labourers or more as a factory in order that the other provisions of this Act may apply to them. At present Government have power to notify such factories to be factories. But supposing the number of members decreases, they automatically cease to be factories. But under the proposal contained in this amendment, it will be possible to give a permanent status as a factory to these establishments. Another important provision relating to the welfare of the labourers is that it enables them to compensatory leave and compensatory wages. I move that the Bill be referred to a Select Committee consisting of the following members:

The Deputy President.

Messrs.....

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: On a point of Order, Sir. Under Standing Order 32 reference to a Select Committee can be made by the Legal Remembrancer only after the title of the Bill is read in the Assembly.

The Secretary read the title of the Bill: The Travancore Factories Act (Amendment) Bill.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: I did not hear what was being said there.

PRESIDENT: A technical irregularity was pointed out and corrected. Nomination to a Select Committee should be done after the short title of the Bill is read.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI: I move the Bill be referred to a Committee consisting of the following members:

The Deputy President.

Messrs K. C. Karunakaran.
K. K. Chellappan Pillai.
P. Karunakara Thandar.
Varkala K. Madhavan.
K. Sukumaran.
P. S. Nataraja Pillai
Brahmapuram P. Yesudian
Sry. T. Narayani Amma and
V. K. Velappan Nair.

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